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ON THE FAMILIES OF HALLEY, HAWLEY, PARRY, PYKE, ETC.

Third Series: First Paper.

IN the first series of these "Extracts" was shown the relationship existing (*circa* 1620) between the families of Washington, Mewce and Halley. Mr. R. J. Beevor has recently found the record of the following will of Mrs. Elizabeth Mewce (born Morant):

"This is my will and this is my desire. I give and bequeath to my sonne ffrances a whole suite of diaper and a flatt bole. I give and bequeath to my sonne Christopher five payre of sheets; more to him two payre of pillowbeers, six tableclothes, two dozen of napkins, one dozen and a half of towells; more I give to him all the bedding in my chamber. I give and bequeath to my daughter Whestall and my daughter Hally all the rest of my linnen. I give and bequeath to my sister Gimber and the maid my wearing linnen and to my sister some of my woolen cloth. Thirtie shillings to the poor of Beaconsfield." (Administration granted P. C. C. Mar. 15, 1631-2 to lawful son Francis Mewce, no executor having been named in the will. Register Audelay, 34).

The foregoing will "does little more than confirm information we already possess. Elizabeth Mewce is described as widow in the grant of administration. The will is undated. . . . The old lady was no doubt very proud of her linen. She appears to have almost forgotten to mention money. . . . No executors are named, and no residuary legatee mentioned. I do not think the Beaconsfield register has been printed."

The testator's son, Francis Mewce, married, 26 May, 1615, Elizabeth Washington, daughter of Lawrence Washington, of Sulgrave, an ancestor of George Washington. The testator's daughter, "Hally," was Katherine Mewce, the wife of Humphrey Halley, who is, with some show of reason, believed to have been identical with Humphrey Halley, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Edmond Halley (1656-1742), the famous second Astronomer Royal of England. "Katherine Halley, wife

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of Humphrey," was buried at Alconbury, Sept. 12, 1668, according to the parish records (cf. "*The Genealogist,*" London, July 1908).

Some new notes on the families of Parry, Perry, Halley and Pyke, of London and Greenwich, were printed in "*Notes and Queries,*" London, 10th Series, vol. xii., pp. 344-345 (October 30th, 1909), which elicited the following prompt and very interesting letter dated 31st October, 1909, from Lieut.-Col. G. S. Parry, of 18 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne, Sussex, England:

"I have all the Parry wills and adminstrations P. C. C. proved before 1809, and the names of Halley and Pike do not appear in any of them. The name Sybilla does not occur except at a much earlier period than that you mention. I have a pedigree of Isaac Parry, of Deptford, potter; none of the names you require occur in it from 1731 to 1808. The administration of John Parry, of Kent, in 1769, belongs to this pedigree. The Perys you mention are Perrys not Parrys. They probably came from Worcestershire as their Arms, 3 pears on a bend, are the same as those of the Perrys of Martin-Hussingtree. Colonel John Pery, of Blackheath, in his will, proved in 1732 (114 Bedford), mentions Dr. Edmond Halley, but does not speak of him as a relative. One of his daughters is named Pyke. She is certainly the Ann Perry, who married Isaac Pyke in 1713-14. The John Pery mentioned in Isaac Pyke's will is John Pery, D. D., Rector of Ash, Kent, son of the above mentioned Colonel John. Capt. William Pery, of Thorpe, is brother to Colonel John, and married Dorothy, daughter of Michael Pyke. Martyn Pike is witness to the will of James Pery, of Frittenden, Kent, dated 13th Nov., 1642, and proved P. C. C. 26th Nov., 1646 (151 Twisse). There is connection between these Kentish Perys and the Perys of Thorpe, but what I have not yet been able clearly to ascertain. I have also all the Perry wills, P. C. C., before 1809, and these are the only references to the names Pyke and Halley. I believe these Perrys died out in the male line."

In the will of Francis Halley, sen. (proved P. C. C., Sept. 8, 1702), the surname Day is mentioned several times. Mr. Geo. F. T. Sherwood, the well-known record-searcher, announces that he has two quarto volumes of "Genealogical Notes relating to the family of Day" (pp. 244, with index).

"Popular Astronomy" (Northfield, Minnesota) for August-Sep-

tember, 1909 (vol. xvii., pp. 408-412) contained an account of the attempted biographies of Dr. Edmond Halley, also a reading list on the life of that astronomer.

(*Second Paper*)

THE "Registers of St. Benet's and St. Peter's, Paul's Wharf, London" (Vol. I: Christenings; Harleian Society, 1909), throw some new light on the families of Halley, Pike, etc., as indicated by the extracts therefrom given below:

ST. BENET'S

Page 10: 1629, Oct. 8. Henry, son of Doctor Halley.

Page 11: 1630-1, Mar. 22. Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. Hally.

Page 11: 1631-2, Mar. 23. John, son of Dr. Hally.

Page 13: 1633, May 7. Rachell, dau. of Dr. Hally.

Page 13: 1634, June 3. Dorothy, dau. of Dr. Halley.

Page 14: 1635, June 23. Richard, son of Dr. Halley.

Page 48: 1685, May 1. Margaret, dau. of Edmund and Mary Hally.

Page 76: 1718-19, Jan. 22. Patrick, son of Patrick and Mary Stewart, bo. 14 Jan.

Page 115: 1777, April 2. Ann, dau. of Wm. and Esther Pike, born Mar. 23.

Page 14: 1634-5, Jan. 11. Sibble, dau. of Edward Parry.

Page 86: 1730, Oct. 24. Richard, son of Francis and Hannah Wright, born the 15th.

Page 28: 1652, Oct. 13. Nicholas, son of Thomas Right.

Page 96: 1746. Hannah, dau. of John & Elizabeth Ward, b. May 5.

ST. PETER'S

Page 202: 1729, Feb. 11. Richard, son of John and Mary Wright, born Jan. 20.

Page 213: 1769, June 25. Hugh, son of James and Mary MacDonald, born June 1.

Page 195: 1717, Dec. 26. Mary, dau. of James and Elizabeth Hawley, born Dec. 9.

Page 212: 1765, July 17. Elizabeth, dau. of John and Mary Pyke, born June 30.

Query: Who was "Dr. Halley," in 1629-1635? Dr. Edmond Halley, the astronomer, was not born until 1656. The Harleian Society now (1909) has in preparation a second volume relating to the same parish.

Several references to the families of Parry, Pyke, etc., occur in the "Registers of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, London," edited by the Rev. Wm. H. Hunt, vol. iv: BURIALS, 1653-1752 (Harleian Society, London, 1908):

Page 313: 1729, June 12. John, son of Simon Pike, from St. James Westmr.

Page 336: 1733, Oct. 11. Mary, daugr. of Simon Pike from St. Clements Dane.

Page 321: 1730, Nov. 30. Mary, daugr. of Simon Pyke, from St. Clements Danes.

Page 346: 1735, Sept. 19. Mary, daugr. of Simon Pyke, from St. Clements Danes.

Page 368: 1739, April 10. Mary wife of Simon Pyke from St. Clements Danes.

Page 356: 1737, April 13, Athaliah, Daugr. of Simon Parry from St. Clements Danes.

Page 377: 1740, May —. Sarah, daugr. of Simon Parry from St. Clements Danes.

Page 33: 1665, June 21. John son of Capt. Parrie; Ch. yard.

Page 33: 1665, June 21. Symon, son of Capt. Symon Parrie.

Page 371: 1739, October 10. Simon, son of Patrick Halley.

Ibid., Vol. I: CHRISTENINGS, 1653-1752; London, 1906:

Page 22: 1664, July 21. Margaret, daugr. of Capt. Symon Parry and of his wife, baptized.

Page 36: 1671, July 14. Symon, son of Capt. Symon Parrie by Katherin his wife, Bapt.

There is record of the will of one Simon Halley, of Kimbolton, dated 1697, proved *circa* 1710 (Probate Registry at Peterborough).

In the Second Series of these notes was mentioned the will of one Thomas McPike, of Ballinderry, 1785. "This Ballinderry is between Antrim and Lissmore and at no great distance from Belfast." However, the Rector of Ballinderry advises under date of Oct. 16, 1909, that he has no parish records before 1805. The older records were probably destroyed by fire.

"London Parish Registers," vol. iv., marriages at St. James's, Duke's Place, London, edited by W. P. W. Phillimore; London, 1902, contain the following entries:

Page 191: 1732, May 14. Nicholas Ward, w., of Rumford in com. Essex, and Demaris Baxter, w., of Poplar, com. Middx.

Page 201: 1737, November 27. Nicholas Wright, b., of ye Precinct of St. Catherine by ye Tower, London, and Elizabeth Lancaster, s., of St. Mary at Hill, London.

Page 220: 1746-47, January 20. Nicholas Wright, w., of the Precinct of St. Catherine near the Tower of London, and Susannah Williams, w., of the Hamlet of Poplar in Middx.

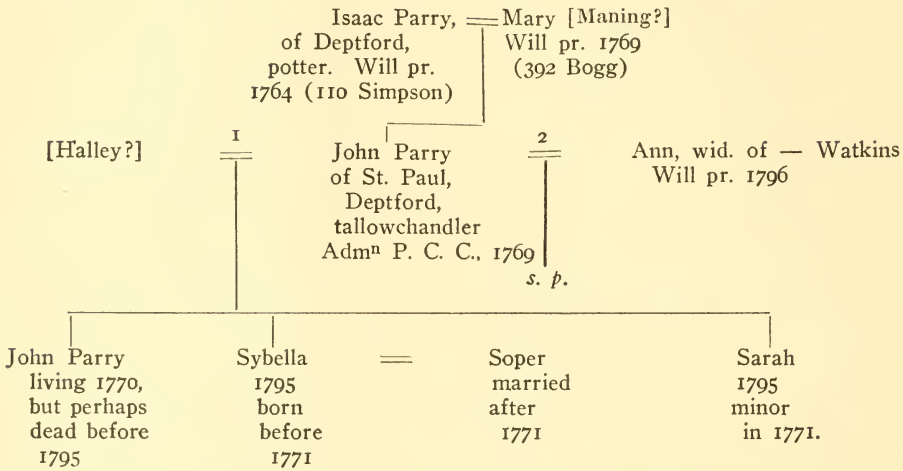
The "Antiquaries List," Part 6 (Middlesex), Item No. 1921 (published at London, 1909), mentions marriage settlement 1769, John Brochs and Ann Ward, to which John Ward of St. Giles without Cripplegate was a party.

Third Series: Third Paper.

LT.-COL. G. S. PARRY, of Eastbourne, kindly supplies (27 Nov., 1909), the following additional information:

"I find that there *is* a Sybella Parry, and she *does* belong to the Parrys of Deptford, potters most of them. I yesterday looked up again the will of Anne Parry, dated 25 Feb. 1795, and proved 29 Dec. 1796 (631 Harris), and find . . . one Sybella Soper. Anne Parry is the widow of John Parry—she of Gang Lane, Greenwich, and was

previously Anne Watkins, widow. She left no children of her own, but mentions Sybella Soper and Sarah Parry, children of her late husband John Parry."



Mr. R. J. Beevor comments thus:

"I think that the 1685 baptismal entry [in register of St. Benet's, Paul's Wharf] must relate to a child of the astronomer. Perhaps his marriage took place at St. Benet's. The burial register of the same place may give the Christian name of *Dr.* Halley [fl. 1629-1635]. This *Dr.* would presumably be coeval with the eldest Humphrey Halley. . . . The St. Paul's Covent Garden entries [*re* Symon Parry, Symon Pyke, Symon Halley] are bewildering, but on the whole I am inclined to regard them as irrelevant. . . . Notices of Halley's comet in the periodical press are becoming too frequent to enumerate. There is a readable 'popular' article on the subject in *Chambers' Magazine* for this month [November, 1909]. In a review of the 'Story of the Comets,' by G. F. Chambers, F. R. A. S., in the *Spectator* for November 20 [1909] I read: 'only this very year it was announced that the Admiralty have decided to repair his [*i. e.*, Halley's] tomb [at Lee] at the public expense."

"I was at the Guildhall Library yesterday [Nov. 27]. The churchwarden's accounts for the parish of St. Benet's, Paul's Wharf, are there preserved [in 6 volumes]. . . ."

"In vol. 5—recently published—of the marriage registers of the

county of Bucks, are the Beaconsfield weddings. I do not find a Mewce among them."

The evidence so far obtained (December, 1909) indicates that Edmund Halley, jun., Surgeon Royal Navy (*obit. circa,* 1740), died without issue, although certain traditions would seem to imply that he had one daughter who appears to have married a Pyke, Pike or McPike, *circa* 1750. The theory that Surgeon Halley died without issue is based on the following circumstances. His maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Tooke, widow, in her will (dated Oct. 13, 1710; proved Dec. 9, 1714; P. C. C. register Ashton, folio 250) bequeathed certain lands in Norfolk to her grandson, later Surgeon Halley and his lawful issue, but in failure of the latter, then to her two granddaughters Margaret and Katherine Halley. The latter became Mrs. Catherine Price, and in her will (dated July 8, 1764; proved Nov. 14, 1765; P. C. C., register Rushworth, fo. 423) bequeaths the same lands. Hence, the only natural inference is that Surgeon Halley when he died (*circa* 1740) did not leave any issue to inherit that property. It has even been thought possible that the present owner of the property in Norfolk may perhaps possess among his title-deeds, some document (presumably) reciting that Surgeon Halley died without issue. Be this as it may, there is an entry in the Index to Fines (Public Record Office, London), recording a fine in 1743:

{ Norf. }
{ Midd. } Francis Smith, plnt.
{ Lond. }
Henry Price, deft.

Surgeon Halley's elder surviving sister, Margaret Halley, died in the year 1743. Administration of her estate was granted at London, November, 1743 (P. C. C.). Her sister, Mrs. C. Price mentions in her own will, among other properties, one called "Hen and Chickens," in Whitechapel, High street, London, which may or may not have been, at one time, the seat of her paternal grandfather, Humphrey Halley, vintner. Mrs. Price had some dealings with the property. "Hen and Chickens," in Dec., 1743, and Jan., 1743-4, as shown by entries recorded in the Middlesex Land Registry. The sign "Hen and Chickens" has been discussed in *Notes and Queries,* London, tenth series, vol. xii., pp. 28, 94, 215 *et passim.* A reference to the Vintner's Company appears *ibid.,* xii., 30, and a note on a "Shoreditch family," *ibid.,* xii., 96-97.

Joseph Hawley, born at Parwich, Derbyshire, England, 1609, so

it is said, appears to have settled at Stratford, Conn., in 1630 and died in 1690. Thus we find a connection between the Hawleys (or Halleys) of Derbyshire and those of New England descent in America.

In the first series of these notes was mentioned the early American settler, John Pike, who "sailed from Southampton, in the good ship *James,* commanded by Capt. Cooper, 2d April, 1635, and arrived in America 2d June, bringing with him his wife Sarah Washington Pike, and first settled in Ipswich—moved to Newbury, Mass.; made his will 24 May, 1654, and died 26 May, 1654. Samuel More, a tenant, is mentioned in his will. His wife Sarah, daughter of Chas. Washington, son of George and father of Robert Washington, of Virginia, 1630, who was the ancestor of General George Washington" (*extract from* "Records of the Pike Family Association of America," 1902, pages 22-23).

Query: What authority, if any, exists to show that John Pike's wife bore the maiden name of (Sarah) Washington, and what authority, if any, has been found to support her alleged genealogy as given above?

We are quite prepared to admit the existence of some relationship in England between the Washington and Pike families.

Christopher Pike and Katherin Washington were married 25 Jan., 1623, according to "Register of Parish of St. Paule . . . Canterbury," edited by Joseph Meadows Cowper; Harleian Society, 1893.

Any further facts which readers can supply will be gratefully received.

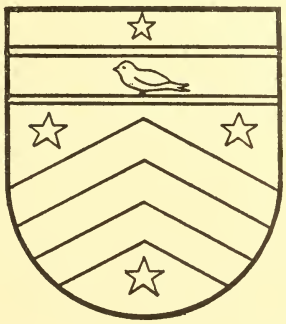
Third Series: Fourth Paper

MR. J. G. Bradford, of 1 Blandford Villas, Queen's Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, England, has supplied some useful notes. Under date of 22d April, 1909, he mentions "a very interesting article on Halley's comet, in the *Edinburgh Review*, for that month" (page 307)—and in a subsequent letter, 2d May, 1909, says:

"I have the following note against Pyke—'H. H. Drake in his new edition of Hasted's *Kent,* part 1, states that Mr. Pyke was Governor of Bencoolen (Sumatra), and that John Buffar married Pyke's niece; their son Pyke Buffar was sheriff of Kent in 1769. He married and died young, leaving a widow who retired to Kew Green. Mrs. Caroline Farrier is spoken of as descended from these people. Buffar House,

Maize Hill, Greenwich, has the arms of Pyke and Buffar on each side of the entrance.' I see I have some more memoranda. . . . Drake's edition: 'Pyke resided in Buffar House, Maize Hill, Greenwich. John Buffar married Pyke's niece; their son Pyke was . . . sheriff of Kent; *ob.* young, 1769, and his widow removed to Kew Green and died 1819.' "

"In three abstracts of deeds relating to Isaac Pyke and Mary Bradford, the former is each time referred to as having been of the island of St. Helena. The following seal occurs three times:



"The martlet, I see, only occurs on one of the seals. I have these arms from some forgotten benefactor, minus the martlet under which he has written—Pyke-Buffar. In a letter I have from a Mrs. Farrier, dated 1891, she refers to the Pyke family as being of Dover [in Kent]. Isaac Pyke certainly describes himself as Governor of St Helena, which I have noted, but apparently only taking what I wanted in connection with his relatives, Bradford and Buffar, for I have no reference to Dr. Halley, 'the Professor.' . . . Pyke is not an uncommon name, and though Wm. Pyke of Greenwich (*obit.* 1727) may have been connected with Governor Pyke, I should want more evidence than the similarity of name and locality. . . . Greenwich is in the Diocese of Rochester, and was, I suppose, at the time in question, and there may be marriage licenses there."

Mr. Bradford later sent (5th April, 1909), extensive notes of value from which the following are extracted:

Add. MSS., British Museum, 28108—28113, refer to Derbyshire Collections. There is also a considerable collection known as the Wolley Collection, in the Additional MSS. 6000 and something, relating to Derby.

The Registers of Hackney have been transcribed and are in the Guildhall Library, London, *but* minus an Index.

Hackney Parish, I think, adjoined the parish of Shoreditch, and Haggerston may have been in the former.

It is quite possible that the admission books of the Salters' Company, London, might give the parentage and locality of Edmond Halley, sen. (*ob.* 1684)

The following pedigree is given in a Kentish volume. Add. MS., British Museum, 16279: 215—113. Visitation of Kent, 1754—1619:

Sir Wm. Halley Lord of Utterby [Co. Linc., Harl. 1556, fo. 162.] = Daughter and heir of Elkington. She brought to her husband the manor in Elkington [apparently the Elkington in Co. Linc. Arms of Elkington given in the MS.]

- Sir Thomas Lord of Elkington = Daughter and heir of Sir John de Bruse of Ludburghe [? Ludborough in Co. Linc.] by his ux. daughter of Hopton of Norffolk
  - daughter and heir, ux. Patrick Skipwith.
- 2. William = daughter and heir of Ebdeen, in whose right he (William) was Lord of Winde.
  - daughter and co-heir, ux. Blunde [Blunt] of whom is descended Hawserd & Basey. [? Hansard; see *post.*]

The formation of some of the letters in this MS. is bad and it is impossible to rely on it. Ebdeen, Hawserd, Basey, Winde, are, I strongly suspect, quite wrong. Papworth's dictionary has no such coat as is here given for Ebdeen.

Harleian MS. 1556.62, also mentions marriage of Sir Thomas Hawley Knt. to a daughter and heir of Bruse, giving a pedigree.

Another kindred pedigree appears in Harleian MS. 1484.14 a, which refers to marriage of Patrick Skipwith to Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas "Halaye or Hawlaye," which Halaye married daughter and heir of Bruse. Arms also given in MS.

The same family is mentioned in Harl. MS. 1550.78 b.

The "Perverse Widow," or Memorials of the Crawley-Boevey

family by A. W. Crawley-Boevey, 1898, pages 301, 305, mentions Francis Crawley, Cursitor of the Exchequer, *temp.* Charles II., whose daughter Margaret, living 1694, married William Pike, Rector of Black Notley, Co. Essex.

The Annals of St. Olave's Church, Fenchurch St., London, by Rev. Alfred Povah, the Rector, 1894, mentions burial of Margaret, wife of Mr. George Pike, interred in the earth, chancell, 23rd Sept., 1637.

In the churchyard at Little Stanmore, als. Whitchurch, County Middlesex, in August, 1884, were copied some inscriptions on tombstones, William Pike (d. 1732), John Pike (d. 1777), *et al.* In the Church to attend as best they could the imperative call of duty to labor and to there is a brass plate to one of this family with Arms.

Mr. J. G. Bradford has kindly sent other interesting notes which may be quoted or cited later.

At the Public Record Office, London, in the index of fines, is the record of a fine (previously mentioned in this series), in

" 1743 { Norf. / Midd. / Lond. } Francis Smith, plnt.

and Henry Price, of Upwell, in the County of Norfolk, and often in the parish of St. Mary Matfelan, in the County of Middlesex, and often in the parish of St. Olave, Silver St., deft." That document " might be worth looking at."

Third Series: Fifth Paper

Arthur E. Garnier, Esq., 26, Albany Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, England, supplies the following notes (4th January, 1910) :—

" Joshua Parry (born 1719; died 1776) married Sarah Hillier (died 1786). They had, to my knowledge, several daughters, and seem to have favored the initial 'S.' . . .

2. Sally
3. Susannah
4. Sarah
5. Sophia

The last died 1784. The eldest, Mary, died 1777.

Charles Parry, who died in 1860, left a Parry genealogy. . . . many dates and Christian names are missing. I cannot find 'Sybilla' among those mentioned. The only Parry who lived at *Greenwich* was my great uncle, Sir William Edward Parry, the Arctic navigator. I know of no *Soper* who married a Parry, but a *Frances Soper* married Isaac Garnier, Apothecary General to Chelsea Hospital (born 1701; died October, 1739). He was buried there; will at Somerset House. Mrs. Garnier remarried (before 1745) Philip Aubert, Esq., and went to reside at Stanmore, Middlesex. This marriage appears in the *Gentleman's Magazine,* an incorrect register to depend upon! Frances *Soper* is described as a 'rich heiress of Dummers' and King's Down, North Oakley, Kingsclere, Hants.' I can find out little about her, for George Garnier, of Rookesbury Park, Wickham, Hants, first cousin of Isaac, married, in 1736, a Frances—also a rich heiress. She is said by some to have been a Frances Soper! by others to have been a Frances Hopkins, and I am desirous of apportioning the correct Frances to each of the cousins, for it is quite certain that they both married Franceses. I fear this is all the information I have concerning *Sybilla* and *Soper,* but it looks as if the Garnier and Parry marriage in 1905 (? 1805) might have been brought about by a former acquaintance of Thomas Garnier's namesake and great uncle (who married F. Soper) with the Parry family. The first connection of the Garniers and Parrys was in 1805."

1805

"Thos. Garnier
The Dean of Winchester
(1776-1873)
Son of Geo. Chas. Garnier
of Rookesbury Park, Hants,
and Margaret Miller,
dau. of Sir John Miller, 4th Bart.
of Froyle Place, Hants.

═══ Mary Parry
(1781-1849)
daughter of Caleb
Hillier Parry
of Bath and
Sarah Rigby of
Manchester

Thos. Garnier
Dean of Lincoln
(1809-1863)

═══ Lady Caroline Keppel,
dau. of Wm. Chas. 4th Earl of Albemarle. (1814-1898).

A. E. Garnier."

Here end the interesting notes supplied by Mr. Garnier. It will be observed that the same do not reveal any direct connection between the families of Parry and Soper.

Mr. J. G. Bradford, before mentioned, kindly sends additional entries, as follows, extracted from Phillimore's, Gloucestershire marriages:

TETBURY

"Joseph Pike and Mary West, 27 Nov., 1698. Isaac P. and Mary Mallard, 16 Nov., 1699. Isaac P. and Anne Aish, 5 April, 1724. Tho. P. and Eliz. Harris, 16 May, 1725. Isaac P., tiler and Lydia Pittis, 16 Sept., 1762. Giles P. and Mary Hone (? Hone: my note not quite clear), S. lic. 24 Dec., 1768 (? or Hine). Mr. Tho. P., junr. b. s. of Mr. Tho. P., wool-stapler, and Mrs. Sarah, s. d. of Mr. George White, mercer, Lic. 13 Feb., 1772."

Mortimer's Guide to London Trades and Professions (in Guildhall Library, London) dated 1763, has: "Henry Halley, Leather-tanner, Long Lane, Southwark."

Register of St. Benet's Church, Paul's Wharf, London, shows these two entries:—

1634, Jan. 11. Baptised Sibble (i.e.: Sybilla?) daughter of Edward Parry.

1716, March 13, Baptised Ann, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Parry (born 27 Feb., 1716).

Register of Freemen, City of London, has (page 109):—38th year of King Henry VIII, a son of Wm. Grene, of Duffield, Derby, apprenticed to Thomas Halley, Feb.

Two new items on the Halley and kindred families appeared in *Notes and Queries* (London), 11th Series, Vol. I, January, 1910 (pages 55 and 66) under the respective captions of "*Hen and Chicken Sign*" and "*Ward, Wright and Day Families.*"

Third Series. Sixth Paper

To increase the interest of this series, some queries from American correspondents will be inserted:

What connection existed between the Hayley families in England and those of Greenville County and Warwick County, Virginia?

What coat of arms, if any, belongs to either of the two latter families of Hayley in Virginia? Notes on the Virginia Hayleys were given in the First Series of this collection.

Were Andrew Haley of Kittery, Maine, and Thomas Haley, of Saco, Me. (before 1650) related to each other? Were they immigrants? When and where were they born? Of what parentage?

What was the parentage and the birthplace of John Holly, born in 1618, in South of England or Wales; emigrated to New England before 1642; settled at Stamford, Conn., where he died in 1681. "Traditionally was connected with ancestors of Edmond Halley, the astronomer."

One Abraham Pyke emigrated from England about 1749-50 to Nova Scotia, and married a Scroops. Where was he born and when? They had only one child, John George Pyke, who was educated in England and represented Halifax for about forty years.

A book entitled "Heads of families at the first census of the U. S., taken in the year 1790:—Pennsylvania" (Washington, D C., Government Printing Office, 1908) contains the following entries of the surname McPike:

PAGE	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP	NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY	FREE WHITE MALES 16 AND UP.	FREE WHITE MALES UNDER 16.	FREE WHITE FEMALES.
112	Fayette	Wharton	McPike, Daniel	3	3	4
139	Lancaster	Little Britain	McPike, Robert	2		1
53	Bucks	not returned	McPike, William	1	2	1
53	do.	do.	McPeak, William	1	3	2
287	York	Berwick, etc.	McPike, John	1		
290	York	do.	McPike, Sarah			2
290	do.	do.	McPeacke, John	1		

Saffell's "Revolutionary Soldiers" mentions the following:

Samuel Pike, private, of the Invalid Regiment of Pennsylvania as it was discharged April, 1783.

Robert McPike, Feb. 5, 1776; enlisted as private in Col. Wayne's Pennsylvania Battalion. James Taylor, Captain.

James McPick, private, Col. St. Clair's Pennsylvania Battalion; Captain John Brisban's Company, from Jan. 5 to Nov. 25, 1776.

John Pike, private, date of enlistment not known. Col. Joseph Cilley's New Hampshire Regiment. Isaac Farwell, captain; from Nov. 8, 1776 to June 1, 1779.

Zebulon Pike, Captain 4th Regiment Light Dragoons; member of the order of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania, subscribed 17 Dec. 1783; pensioned Indiana Act, May 15, 1838; died July 27th, 1834, Dearborn County, Indiana.

Owing to the tradition that James McPike (born circa 1751) emigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, and served in the American Revolutionary forces throughout the war, under "General Little" [?], Colonel Howard, Lafayette, &c., some search has been made in the printed archives of Maryland.

John Eager Howard was Captain of Baltimore County Company, July 17, 1776, was promoted to Major and finally rose to rank of Lieut.-Colonel, serving in the latter capacity, in the Fourth, Second and Fifth Maryland Line, successively. He was deranged Jan'y 1, 1783. Numerous biographies of him exist. No "General Little" appears in vol. XVIII of Maryland archives as printed; a corporal of that name is the highest rank. Perhaps there was a British officer known as General Little. (?).

One James Pike, private in First Maryland (Continental) regiment enlisted Mar. 21, 1777; discharged Mar. 21, 1780.

James Pike, Sergeant, 16 April, 1778; private, 1 August, 1778; (4th Reg't.)

Other references to members of the Pike and McPike in America (*circa* 1776-1781) have been given in the First and Second Series of these notes, together with some facts as to the official records of military services during the American Revolution.

Third Series. Seventh Paper

The Pennsylvania *Archives* contain several references to members of the McPike family, as follows.

Second Series; vol. X:
- Page 138, Robert McPike
- Page 79, James McPick
- Page 496, James McPike
- Page 506, James McPike
- Page 528, 567, Thomas McPike

Third Series; "*McPike,*" viz:—
- Daniel, xxi, 393; xxii, 425, 588
- James, xii, 632; xxi, 394
- John, xxi, 393; xxiii, 582
- Roger, xxii, 561
- William, xxi, 393
- Dennis, xii, 718
- James *Pike,* xxvi, 491
- Richard *Pike,* xxiii, 3, 17

As family tradition, through two sourccs, recites that James McPike (born *circa* 1751) participated in the storming of Stony Point, under "Mad Anthony Wayne" and was there wounded in one hand, it seems reasonably certain that he was identical with the James McPike, sergeant in Captain Benjamin Fishbourne's Company, Fourth Pennsylvania Line, William Butler, Lieutenant-Colonel. The official records of that engagement show that some American sergeants were injured.

See *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record,* vol. 34, page 55; also Pennsylvania *Archives,* Second Series, vol. 10, page 496.

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography for 1902 (vol. IX, p. 12), mentions one James McPeak of Henry County, Va., in "lists of persons renouncing allegiance to Great Britain and swearing allegiance to the Commonwealth of Virginia."

Records of the Revolutionary War, by W. T. R. Saffell (N. Y., 1858, page 202) mentions "Robert McPike, enlisted Feb. 5, 1776, private in Capt. James Taylor's Company of Colonel Wayne's Pennsylvania Battalion."

A letter (Feb. 26, 1900) to the writer, from the U. S. Record and Pension Office, reads:

" Nothing has been found on the rolls, on file in this office, to show that a person named James McPike, served as a commissioned officer during the war of the Revolution.

The records show, however, that one James McPike served as a private in Captain John Brisbane's company, 3rd Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Colonel Joseph Wood, Revolutionary War. His name appears on a roll dated April 1, 1777, with remark: 'Enlisted Jan. 16, 1777.'

The records also show that one James McPike served as a private in Captain Benjamin Burd's company, 4th Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Colonel Lambert Cadwalader, Revolutionary War. He enlisted February 9, 1777, and was promoted to Sergeant, March 1, 1778.

No further information upon the subject of your inquiry has been found of record."

John McPike, or John Mountain McPike, (third son of James McPike and Martha Mountain, his wife) was born 5th February, 1795, according to an entry made by his wife (born Lydia Jane Guest) in a well-preserved family-Bible record possessed by their second son, Henry Guest M'Pike, (1825-1910) of Alton, Ill., in whose own handwriting, in another later family Bible record, the date is given as 4th February, 1795, and the birthplace as Wheeling, Va., now West Virginia.

The birth records kept officially at Wheeling do not extend so far back.

It is said that the Wheeling marriage records date from 1777, but the birth records only from 1853.

John McPike and Lydia Jane Guest (daughter of Captain Moses Guest and Lydia Dumont, his wife) were married by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, at Cincinnati, O., 9th March, 1820. Their first son, Edmund Haley (or Hailey) McPike, was born in Cincinnati, 18th Dec., 1821, these dates being obtained from old family Bible records. The latter's second christian name appears as "Hailey" in the handwriting of his mother in a family Bible, but the spelling "Haley" was adopted sub-

sequently. (See MAGAZINE OF HISTORY, March, 1908, vol. vii, p. 166.)

Mr. R. J. Beevor writes March 18, 1910:

"I wrote to the Parson at St. Clements, Eastcheap, asking if I could search the register there. Not having had an answer today I went to the Guildhall Library to see if they had any of the St. Clement's Parish Books there. I was fortunate enough to find a Vestry Minute Book and Churchwarden Accounts from about the year 1636. I send you some rough notes from these. I describe them as rough since I had hardly enough time to make a very careful examination. I find that Humphrey Halley was Churchwarden of the Parish from Easter 1639 to Easter 1642. He is described in 1648 as "Debuty Halley." I conclude from this that he was the chief representative of the Candlewick Ward on the Court of Common Council. From his petition to be allowed a right of way, I conclude that his house must have been in the immediate neighborhood of St. Clement's Church. You will observe that one of his grandchildren was buried at St. Clement's 1655. This may have been a child of Edmond or of William.

Humphrey Halley signs himself uniformly 'Hump Halley.' He wrote a good legible hand."

St. Clements,
East Cheap.

Extracts from Churchwarden's accounts:

1655. Recd for ye ground in ye church for Deputy Halley's grand child 6/8
Recd of Deputy Halley for 13 years for his way 13/
Recd of Deputie Halley beinge due upon bond £1/0/5
Accounts signed 1654, 1652, 1650. Hump Halley (and others).
1642. Recd of Mr. Halley for lights 1/
An accompt of Humpery Halley and Mr. Hamon Ward, Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Clements Eastcheap, for Easter 1641 to Easter 1642.
An accompt of Humpery Halley and Thomas Tomlinson, Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Clements Eastcheap, for Easter 1640 to Easter 1641.
An accompt of Henry Paton and Humphry Halley, Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Clements Eastcheap, for Easter 1639 to Easter 1640.

Extracts from Vestry Minutes:

1640. At the same time Humphry Halley the present Churchwarden made request to the parishioners to be pleased to grant him a passage way which was anciently used, adjoining the south side of the church into St. Clements Lane.

These be the names of such of the Parish as signed the lease of the Boar's Head in Est Chepe Humphry Haly (and others).

The names of such of the Parish of Clement's East Chepe as have sent moneys to the Parlament upon an order from the Lord Maior for the lone of thirty thousand pounds, being dated the 26th November 1644, which is to be repayd according to an ordinance in parliament.

Humphry Halye	£25	Robert Gale subscribes	£30
Martin Hall	£25	Others all under	£25

Vestry.
1648. Debuty Halley.

Hump Hally signs April 14 1664. present March 30 1665
(apparently) not present April 18 1666.

St Clements Eastecheap

Baptisms:

Roger Cawthorne, sonne of Thomas Cawthorne, was bpt the 31st day of Aug. 1585.

Vincent 31st Dec. 1582.
Thomas 11th Feb. 1581.
William 28th Sept. 1580.
Margaret Aug 23rd. 1579.
Robert Aug 28th. 1577.
William March 14th 1573.

Burials:

William Hally, butcher, buried June 21. 1576.
Thomas Cawthorne buried May 8. 1592.
Agnes Hauly, widowe, an almswoman, was buried the Xth day of March anno ut supra (1596- annoque Regina Elizat).

William Cawthorne was buried February 15. 1655.

Marriages:

William Hawly and Anne his wife were married the 6th of May Anno ut Supra (1565).

Thomas Cawthorne and Agnes Plasden were married Oct. 19, 1578.

Christopher Muse and Sarah Gardiner were married Nov. 9. 1647.

Mr. J. Wrench Towse, of the Fishmonger's Company, writes Mr. Beevor:

Fishmongers' Hall, London, E. C.
February 25th, 1910.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., I gladly give you what particulars I can of Humphrey Halley.

The first mention of him in this Company's books appears in a Court Minute, dated the 13th January 1631, where he is described as "Humfrie Halleye of the Company of Vintners London, dwelling in a tenement, belonging to this Company, called "The Unicorn," in Lombard Street and petitioned to have a new Lease, etc."

In a Minute dated 24th March 1650 "Mr. Humfrie Halleye offered £200 fine to make up his time in Lease on his house in Lombard St. etc."

At a Meeting of the Court on the 29th day of May 1651 he is again mentioned as a Citizen and Vintner of London and on the 14th April 1652 his name appears in regard to a Lease of the same premises.

I have also found a confirmation of your statement that he assigned his lease of the premises to his son, William Halley on the 25th April, 1669.

If I may suggest it, I should think that the Vintners' Company could probably give you more information about him, and from the first quotation from our Court Proceedings given above, namely, that on January 30th, 1631, it appears fairly certain that he actually lived at "The Unicorn" in Lombard Street before subletting it.

Any further information that you may require, I will do my best to furnish you with. I shall be very interested to know what is the final result of your researches. J. Wrench Towse.

Will of James Pyke, of Deptford, Kent; wife Catherine; sons William, George and James; wife and eldest son William executors. Witnesses: Geo. Edge, Thos. Wellings, John Sendall his servant. Dated Feb. 17, 1718; proved March 11, 1718 (P. C. C., London).

Will of James Pike, mariner, of H. M. S. *Dreadnought;* all to wife Sarah Pike, of Parish of Aldgate, sole executrix. April 13, 1743. Witnesses: Ed. Boscawen, Mich. Tisdell. Proved by ex'ix. July 29, 1762. (P. C. C., London.)

Will of James Pyke, of Upper Moorfield, in the parish of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, silk dyer; sister Mary Cooper wife of William Cooper of Newgate Street, weaver, sole ex'ix, and residuary legatee; sister Elizabeth Norton wife of Thomas Norton, of Refford, Northants, husbandman; . . . Nephew William Pyke (son of brother William) and Sarah his wife . . . dated July 18, 1750; proved June 21, 1751 by ex'ix. (P. C. C., reg. Busby, 186). This last will contains several other names of interest.

Query: Who was Sarah the wife of William Pyke? Was she a daughter of Mrs. Sybilla Halley (*obit.* 1772) by her first marriage? If so, what was the maiden surname of the said Sarah? Was it Stuart or Bruce? Did she have a sister named Sybilla who married a Parry? Here is a large field for further investigation. (See *Notes and Queries,* 11th series, vol. I., p. 286; April 9, 1910.)

The Rev. Arthur Hart, rector of St. Nicholas, Deptford, writes March 16th, 1910, to Mr. Beevor: "I have carefully gone through the years from 1702 to 1708 and can find nothing." Mr. Beevor, commenting on this, remarks: "You will, no doubt, understand why I wanted the Deptford Baptismal Register searched up to 1708. I wished to ascertain whether James Pike of Deptford had daughters Elizabeth or Mary baptised there. The fact that no such records have been found makes one a little doubtful as to the identification of James Pike of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, with James, son of James of Deptford."

Third Series. Eighth Paper

An extensive series of new and valuable notes on the Halley and allied families has generously been supplied by Mr. R. J. Beevor, who has furnished much of the information heretofore quoted in these papers.

At present we can give only a few extracts commencing with copies of abstracts of five wills recorded in the Probate Registry at Lichfield.

1536. Henry Halle of Youlgreave, Derbyshire.

Octr 4 Will dated 26 May 1536.

To be buried in the church yard of All Hallows Youlgreave
I bequeath to Sant Mary Howse of Coventry and Sant Chadde of Lichfield either of them 11d.
To Sant Peter's service a sheep or XXd.
To Margett Storer 11 ewes.
To Mawde my daughter a heyfer more than her childe's parte.
To Robert my brother my russett jaket & a leyder doublett.
To John my son my jacket my Calett and my sworde.
Residue to Agnes my wife and my children.
Executors, Agnes my wife and John my son.
Supervisor Mr. John Vernon.
Witnesses. Henry Bargh William Smyth.
Inventory dated 29 September 1536. Amount £15.14.4.
Appraisers, John Bryde & Henry Bargh.
Proved by the Executors.

1552.

Sept. 13.

Richard Halley of Ashborne, Derbyshire.
(The upper part of the will has been eaten away.)
Two sisters (names missing) to be payd seven nobles.
To my said cousin Ric Halley my parte of the treyne which Willm Dickonson of Uttoxeter oweth unto us that is to witt XXI galons for my pte.
To Lucye Wagstaffe a woman's gowne.
Executors, Jone my wife and Elizabeth my daughter.
Supervisors, My cousins John Allsop and Richard Halley.
Witnesses, Laurence Horobyn, vicar there, John Ofett, John Alsop & Ric Halley.
Inventory dated 3 February (no year given) lower part missing.
Appraisers. John Bagnall Rauph Smyth Jhon Oveytt & Henry nozght.
Proved by Jone the wife, power reserved for Elizabeth the daughter.

1558. Robert Halley of Derwent pck Hathersage Co. Derbyshire.
April 20.

Will dated.....1557.
To be buried in the churchyerde of St Peter of Hope.
To Agnes Eyr wife of Antonye Eyr a shepe.
To Edward Eyr my godson a shepe.
To Nichs Halley my brother XV^{s}.
To Jacson wyf my syster XXVI^{s}. VIII^{d}.
To Antonye Wodcock XIII$^{s.}$ IIII^{d,}
To Syr Willm Derwent XII$^{d.}$
To Edward Berbire my master III £ & to his wife XX^{s,}
To young Edward Berbur XX$^{s.}$
To Nich Hey, Vicar of Hope, III$^{s.}$ IIII^{d,}
Residue to John Halley my brother and make him Executor.
Overseer. Edward Berbur my master.
Witnesses, Nichs Hay, clerk, Edward Berbur yonger, Wyllm townrow, Wyllm Both & Rychard Wenwryght.
Debts owing from John Eyr of the Grene feld, Edward Barbur of Bamforth House, and my sister Elizabeth Jacson.
Inventory dated 12 April 1558
Amount £8.10.0
Appraisers, Wyllm Boche, Robart Ibotson, Nicholas Ilot & John Morten.
Proved by sole Executor.

1559.
April 5 Robert Halley of Gretton parish of Youlgreave. Will dated 8 February 1557.

To be buried in the parish church of All Saints in Youlgreave.
My goods to be divided into three parts, one part to Agnes Halley my wife & the other two parts to Homfrey Halley & Wylm Halley my sons.
My tenement I dwell in, the tithe corne at Medulton with the flatte close that is taken for years and another close taken of Rye Halley for III years, equally to be divided among the three aforesaid persons.
I Robert Halley & Agnes my wife are fully agreed on the articles at Gretton to go to the longest liver at the end all the goods

to be equally divided between Homfrey Halley & Wylm their children.

If Wylm Halley do marry or go from Gretton before all are cotented, he shall have half of all the goods being half of the haryet.

Debts owing to Robert Halley from John Alsop, John Buxton of braston, Roger Robynson.

To my servant maid one sheep.

Executors Homfrey Halley and Wylm Halley.

Witnesses Sr. Rye Knypton Vicar . . . John Halley.

Inventory dated 2 April 1559. Amount £17.10.0.

Appraisers. Homfrey Bargh, Wylm Warwen, Edmond Marshall, Roger Robynson, Rye Robynson.

Proved by the Executors.

1577.

April 17. John Halley of Stanton pch Youlgreave, Derbyshire

Will dated 15 March 1576.

No place of burial named.

I give the farm I now occupy by the Lycence of my Worshipful gud master Mr. Wylm Mydulton, to Henry Halley my eldest son, my wife Elyn Halley being Head Ruler so long as she kepys my name.

Residue to be divided amongst my sixe children (no names given) savyng that George Halley my son shall putt in hys goodes wt hys bretherne & sisters hys lomys & altherto belonging excepted.

Executors, Elyn my wife & Henry my son.

Witnesses, Rye Knyfton, vicar, Wylm Marshall, John Hadfelt.

Inventory dated 11 April.....

Amount £59.15.4.

Appraisers. John Bradshay, Wyllm Marshall, Rauphe Couton, & John Hadfelt.

Proved by both Executors.

Mr. Beevor, commenting on the five foregoing documents, says: "It is interesting that the first Derbyshire Humphrey Halley I have discovered should be located at Youlgreave. . . . It is unfortunate that two William Halley wills in the Lichfield series are non-extant."

A London record-searcher has reported the record of "Humfrey Hawley and Wynifride Streethey *or* Stretye" as defendants, regarding

tenements and lands at Uttoxeter (Staffordshire), the occupant of the premises being William Walker and the lessee Robert Wells. The authority cited is the "Printed Calendar (page 311) of Pleadings in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, 35th year; Duchy of Lancaster." The record-searcher reporting this item says that "Uttoxeter" is on the border line between Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

Mr. Beevor remarks that perhaps this Humfrey Hawley of Uttoxeter, is "identical with Humphrey of Cheddleton (Administration, 1597, at Lichfield) and with Humfrey son of Robert, the Youlgreave testator of 1557. It will be no easy matter to prove the identity. It may be necessary to return to the Lichfield wills. As far as I can judge from a perusal of the Index, those wills which are most likely to be relevant are precisely those which are non-extant."

Mr. Beevor has discovered an interesting article on Barking, in "*Notes and Queries,*" (London) 3rd Series, vol. 3, p. 284, from which he makes this extract:

"1684, April 22, Mr. Edmund Halley of London, merchant, murthered and buryed in linen,* £2-6-0 pd. to this parish for the poor."

* This phrase refers to the "Woollen Acts" of 1666, and 1678 (not repealed until 1814) enacted in order that the woollen manufacturing industry should be encouraged.

Every corpse was required to be wrapped in woollen; if not so wrapped, a fine was exacted, as in this case. An extract from the Parish Register of Ashford, Buckinghamshire, 1680, June 29th: Martha Lake, widow, was buried in linen, and information given in to Sir Norton Knatchbull, whereupon he granted a warrant for the levying of £5 on the goods and chattels of Thomas Lake, in whose house the aforesaid M. L. died, wh. warrant was executed, and one moyety of the forfeiture was given to the informer and the other to the poor.

In consequence of half the fine going to the informer, the relatives of the deceased usually arranged that a relation or dependent should "inform," and thus secure the reward for the family.

In 1706, the wife of Archbishop Dolben, of York, is recorded (in the Parish Register of Finedon) as having been buried in linen, and the penalty paid therefore

One good result of the Act was that it caused the registration of all deaths, for evidence had to be given that every body wherever interred, was wrapped in wool; and the parson, keeping the only recognized record, was the official by whom the Act was administered.

The Parish Register,
by William Bradbrook, London, 1910.
[Ed.]

The records of St. Giles, Cripplegate, upon a search for the period 1606-1719, yielded this entry: "Ann, w. of Ed^m. Halley, Gent., buried 24 Oct. 1672 at Barking."

From the registers of St. Giles, Cripplegate, the following two entries had previously been secured:

Baptisms:

Humphrey Haley, Aug. 29, 1621; Katherine, daugh. of Ed$^{m.}$ Halley, Salter & of Ann, b. 7 Feb. 1658, baptised 17 Feb.

Thus we learn for the first time the Christian name of the Astronomer's mother, Ann. Who was she?

All Hallows, Lombard Street (searched till 1642):—

Burials:

1631

July 22. Nathaniell Halley the sonn of Humfry & Katheren Halley was buried.

Mr. Beevor adds: "Humphrey Haley, bapt. St. Giles, Cripplegate, 1621, was son of John Haley, weaver. Nicholas, son of Nicholas Wright, glover, was buried at St. Giles, Aug. 28, 1637."

All Hallows, London Wall, (from printed marriages):—

1632 Thomas Halley and Johan Challewood, 3rd of June.

1665 John Haley & Mary Castle, Oct. 24th.

All Hallows, Lombard Street:—

1626-7

Feb. 25, Elizabeth the dau. of Humphrey Halley, Haberdasher, and Katherine his wife dwelling in Lumstr, baptized.

1628

Nov. 5 William the sonne of Humphrey Halley, Haberdasher and Katherine, his wife in Lumbstr was baptized.

1631

July 21 Nathaniell the sonn of Humfry and Katherin Hauley was baptized.

1633

May 5 Mary & Martha the daughters of Humfry & Katherin Hally in Lumb. Streete were baptized.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, vicar of Barking, Essex, has obligingly supplied these extracts from the parish register:

"1684, April 22. Mr. Edmund Halley of London, merchant, murthered and buried in linnen, £2-10-0 pd. to this Parish for the use of the poor."

"1672, Oct. 24, Ann wife of Edmond Hawley."

"1617, November, Humphrey Hayly and Katherine Newes, married ye 24th day of November."

Mr. Eisdell says of the last quoted entry: "I think this is a correct transcription . . . but the writing is difficult." [The bride's name was, no doubt, Katherine Mewes or Mewce.]

At the Vicar General's Office (London) are records of the following marriage licenses:

Oct. 27, 1755 Pyke: Price

Feb. 28, 1746 Pyke: Day

"The Index gives surnames only."

Will of Edward Hawley of London (P. C. C., reg. Ridley, fo. 89) dated May 17, 1627, proved Oct. 24, 1629.

Will of Richard Hawley of London, doctor of physick (P. C. C., reg. Pile 65) dated April 25, 1636, mentions eldest son Henry H., . . . loving wife Dorothie H., . . . five children, Henry, John, Richard, Rachell and Dorothie. Loveing frend Gilbert Dethick and loveing brother James H., exrs. Proved May 16, 1636.

A Dethick pedigree appears in the "Visitation of Norfolk" published by the Norfolk and Norwich Archælogical Society, vol. 1, pp. 237-242.

The early records of the Stationers' Company (London) printed by Edward Arber, contain this item:—"Received of Edmonde Hallye at hys making free of this Company the 26th day of Feb. 1560, 3*s*. 4*d*." "There are also entries relating to licenses to print accorded to the same Edmonde Hallye 1562-66. Can it be that this was an ancestor of the astronomer? It seems possible." [Remarks by Mr Beevor.]

Dr. Edmond Halley, the famous astronomer, had a first cousin, Francis Halley, sen., son of William Halley and Ann his wife. The printed register of St. Christopher le Stocks, London, contains this entry about the said Francis Halley, sen.:——

"Frans Hally and Elliner Pike, Boath of Allhalows Staeing, married Aug. 17, 1696."

In the initial item of the first series of these extracts, it was shown that this Francis Halley, sen., had dealings with his future father-in-law, Richard Pyke, so early as April 21st, 1694, which may imply some *prior* relationship between the families.

Elliner Pyke's brother, William Pyke of Greenwich, in his will (1727) mentions "cousin Archibald Bruce." The latter's will has not yet been found.

In concluding this Third Series, it might be well to remind the reader that *Notes and Queries* (London) often publishes items relating to genealogical problems of more or less difficulty. The solution of the present problem may yet appear in those pages.

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HALLEY AND PYKE FAMILIES.

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(11 S. ii. 44.)

HALLEY AND PYKE FAMILIES.

Mr. R. J. Beevor, of Reymerston, Manor Road, St. Albans, has kindly supplied abstracts of five Halley wills recorded at Lichfield. Brief extracts are given below :—

Will of Henry Halle of Youlgreave, co. Derby ; dated 26 May, 1536.—To be buried in the churchyard of *All Hallows*, Youlgreave ; mentions daughter Mawde and others ; executors Agnes my wife and John my son. Proved by executors 4 Oct., 1536. Inventory dated 29 Sept., 1536; amount, 15*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*

Will of Richard Halley of Ashborne, co. Derby (upper part of will eaten away).—Bequeaths to cousin Ric. Halley my parte of the treyne which Will'm Dickonson of *Uttoxeter* oweth unto us, that is to witt xxi galons for my pte. Inventory dated 3 February (no year given—lower part missing). Proved 13 Sept., 1552.

Will of Robert Halley of Derwent, p'ch Hathersage, co. Derby ; dated....1557.—To be buried in the churchyerde of St. Peter of Hope ; mentions *Nichs.* Halley, brother ; John Halley, brother, executor. Inventory dated 12 April, 1558 ; amount, 8*l.* 10*s.* Proved 20 April, 1558, by the sole executor.

Will of Robert Halley of Gretton, parish of Youlgreave ; dated 8 Feb., 1557.—To be buried ; in the parish church of All Saints in Youlgreave ; goods to be divided into three parts, one part to wife Agnes Halley, and the two other parts to *Homfrey* Halley and *Wylm* Halley my sons. Inventory dated 2 April, 1559 ; amount, 17*l.* 10*s.* Proved by *Homfrey* and *Wylm.* Halley, executors, 5 April, 1559.

Will of John Halley of Stanton, p'ch Youlgreave, co. Derby ; dated 15 March, 1576.—No place of burial named ; eldest son Henry Halley ; wife Elyn ; six children (no names given) son George Halley. Executors : wife Elyn and son Henry. Inventory dated 11 April....amount

59*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Proved by both executors, 17 April, 1577.

The italics are mine. There are other entries of Halley wills in the index of the Probate Registry at Lichfield, but some of the (perhaps most relevant) documents, including two William Halley wills, are non-extant. Among such missing documents is the administration of the estate of Humphrey and Margaret Halley of Cheddleton (Ad., 190 b, 1 July, 1597). Perhaps this Humphrey Halley was identical with the Homfrey Halley, son of Robert Halley of Gretton, in the parish of Youlgreave (see above), and also (?) with his namesake mentioned in the following item, recently supplied by a record-searcher in London :—

"Duchy of Lancaster : Hawley. Pleadings in the reign of Queen Elizabeth ; printed calendar, p. 311, has (35th year of Queen Elizabeth) 'Humfrey Hawley & Wynifride Streethey or Stretye.' Both are defendants as to tenements and lands at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. Occupant of the premises was William Walker, and the lessee was Robert Wells. Uttoxeter is on the border of Derbyshire."

Here, no doubt, we have a clue to the earlier ancestry of the famous astronomer. The latter's paternal grandfather was Humphrey Halley, vintner, of London, of whose history some new facts have lately been recovered.

Mr. Beevor, after consulting the early records of the Stationers' Company, printed by E. Arber, sends this item :—

"'Received of Edmonde Hallye at his making free of this Company the 26th day Feb., 1560, 3*s.* 4*d.*' There are also entries relating to licences to print accorded to the same Edmonde Halley 1562–6. Can it be that this was an ancestor of the astronomer ? It seems possible."

'N. & Q.,' at 3 S. iii. 283–4, gives some entries from the registers of *All Hallows*, Barking, in Essex. I repeat three below :—

"1575. Robt. *Ward*, who dyed in the streat, bur. 28 Jan^{y}."

"1582. William, sonne of Willm *Dethick* al's Yorke, One of the Heraultes, bur. March 28."

"1684, April 22. Mr *Edmund Halley* of London, Merchant, murthered, & buryed in linen, 2*l.* 6*s.* p^{d} to this parish for ye use of the poor."

Again the italics are mine. The contributor, Mr. Edward J. Sage of Stoke Newington, mentions a "valuable paper" on the Barking registers by Mr. Henry W.. King (*Transactions Essex Arch. Society*, vol. ii. part iii.), but examination thereof reveals nothing new in our quest.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking, Essex, obligingly supplies Mr. Beevor with the following interesting entries :—

"1684, April 22. Mr. Edmund Halley of London, Merchant, murthered and buryed in linen, 2*l.* 10*s.* p^{d} to this Parish for the use of the poor."

"1672, Oct. 24. Ann, wife of Edmond Hawley,"

". . . .There is a hiatus in the registers (marriage) 1645–1661. I can find no trace of the baptism of Edmond Halley [1656]."

"I think this is a correct transcription :—

"'1617. November, Humphrey Hayly & Katherine Newes, married ye 24th day of November'; but the writing is difficult."

The bride's maiden surname was, undoubtedly, Mewes or Mewce.

A search of the registers of St. Giles, Cripplegate (1606 - 1719), had already revealed this entry :—

"Ann, w. of Ed^{m} Halley, Gent., buried 24th Oct., 1672, at Barking."

Thus we learn the Christian name of the astronomer's mother. Who was she? Among the baptismal entries at St. Giles, Cripplegate, is:—

"Katherine, daugh of Edm Hally, salter, & of Ann, b. 7th Feb., 1658, baptized 17 Feb."

Ann was also the name of the wife of William Halley, brother of E. Halley, salter.

Francis Halley, sen., son of the said William Halley, married, 17 Aug., 1696, Elliner Pyke. The printed register of St. Christopher le Stocks has this entry:—

"Frans Hally and Elliner Pike, Boath of Allholows Staeing, married Aug. 17, 1696."

The groom was a first cousin of the astronomer Halley. There is some indication of an earlier relationship (as well as a later) between the Halley and Pyke families. Did Ann Pyke, daughter of Edward Pyke of Queenhithe Ward, London (fl. 1634), marry? If so, whom?

The 'Register of St. Benet's, Paul's Wharf, London: Vol. I. Christenings' (Harl. Soc., Lond., 1909), gives on pp. 10-14 the baptism of six children of one Dr. Hally or Halley, named Henry, Elizabeth, John, Rachel, Dorothy, and Richard (between 1629 and 1635). The same work (p. 48) mentions the baptism of Margaret (1 May, 1685), daughter of Edmund and Mary Hally. This serves to establish the astronomer's residence at that period.

Will of Edward Hawley of London, Knight; dated 17 May, 1627.—Mentions brother Gabriell H.; brother Halton H.; nephew Robert H., son of deceased brother Sir Henry H.; children of brother Gabriell H.; brother Gabriell sole exr, but if he is not living, brother Robert H. exr. Adm. 24 Oct., 1629, to Francis Hawley, brother of Robert H.

Edward H. nuper in partibus transmarinis def^{s}. Gabriell died before administering. (P.C.C., Ridley 89).

Will of Richard Hawley of London, doctor of physick. — Eldest son Henry H.; loving wife Dorothie H.; five children, Henry, John, Richard, Rachell, and Dorothie; loving friend Gilbert Dethick and loving brother James H. ex^{rs}. Dated 25 April, 1636; proved 16 May, 1636, by James H., power reserved to Gilbert Dethick. Signature copied Richard Hawly; name throughout will written Hawley. (P.C.C., Pile 65).

In a list of Somerset House wills Richard Hawly is described as of St. Benet's, Paul's Wharf (presumably based on the probate act book), but he is not so described in his will.

"The Dethicks were a Derbyshire family." A pedigree thereof appears in the 'Visitation of Norfolk' (Norfolk and Norwich Arch. Soc., vol. i., pp. 237–42). See also 11 S. i. 308.

Will of James Pyke of *Deptford*, Kent.—Wife Catherine; sons *William*, George, and *James*; wife and eldest son W^{m} ex^{rs}. Witnesses: Geo. Edge, Thos. Wellings, John Sendall his ser^{t}. Dated 17 Feb., 1718; proved 11 March, 1718. (P.C.C.)

Will of James Pike, mariner, of H.M.S. Dreadnought.—All to wife Sarah Pike of parish of Aldgate, sole ex^{ix}. Dated 13 April, 1743. Witnesses: Ed. Boscawen, Mich. Tisdell. Proved by executrix 29 July, 1762. (P.C.C.)

Will of James Pyke of Upper Moorfield, in the psh. of *St. Leonard's, Shoreditch*, silk dyer.—Sister Mary Cooper, wife of William Cooper of Newgate Street, weaver, sole ex^{ix} and residuary legatee; sister Elizabeth Norton, wife of Thomas Norton of Refford, Northants, husbandman; nephew Thomas, one of sons of late brother *William* Pyke; nephews and nieces James Pyke, John Pyke, Elizabeth P., and Mary Watson, wife of ....Watson, Baker; other children of W. P.; nephew Wm *P.* (son of brother W^{m}) and

Sarah his wife. Dated 18 July, 1750. Witnesses: *John Parry*, Thos. Upton. Proved 21 June, 1751, by executrix. P.C.C., Busby, 186.)

Once more the italics are mine in the wills of James Pyke of Deptford and of James Pyke of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. A search was made of the baptismal register (1702–8) of St. Nicholas, Deptford, to ascertain whether the older James (will proved 1718) had a daughter Mary or Elizabeth, but in vain. This makes one doubt a little the identity of his son James with the James Pyke of St. Leonard's, Shoredith. It will be noted that the latter mentions a nephew William Pyke and Sarah his wife. What was the maiden surname of the wife Sarah ? Was she a daughter of Mrs. Sybilla Halley of East Greenwich (*ob.* 1772) by a marriage before that with the astronomer's only maturing son, Edmund Halley, jun., surgeon R.N. (*ob.* Feb., 1740/41) ? He seems to have died without issue (10 S. vii. 446). What was the surname of Mrs. Sybilla Halley's (supposed) first husband ? Was it Stewart or Bruce ? Did they have two daughters, Sybilla and Sarah ? Did one daughter, Sybilla, marry John Parry and have issue (see 10 S. xii. 344 ; 11 S. i. 286) ? Did the other (supposed) daughter, Sarah, marry William Pyke and have issue one son James, born *c.* 1751 ? See 9 S. xi. 205–6 ; xii. 468. The answers to these queries may solve the entire problem.

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